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Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

The times we live in are uncertain and unprecedented, but the Kentucky Court of Justice family has risen to the occasion at every turn. I continue to be impressed with your ability to respond quickly to the challenges we face.

Each week presents new opportunities to expand and improve how we respond to the pandemic. This week was no exception as we did the following:

- Introduced Special Emergency Directed Leave for Judicial Branch employees who cannot telecommute and who are considered at high risk for infection per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control. SEDL will help protect the health and safety of the court employees most susceptible to COVID-19.
  
- Encouraged Judicial Branch employees and elected officials to observe strict social distancing and limit travel as COVID-19 cases begin to peak in Kentucky. Court personnel have an ethical duty to manage their personal and professional contacts in a manner that maintains and promotes public confidence in the judicial system. We must do our part to stay healthy so that the court system can continue to provide essential services during the state of emergency.

This afternoon is the Spring Holiday and I hope it will give you a much-deserved break. As we enter into a new season and a time of significance for so many, we can be grateful for all that we have and look forward to brighter days ahead. Thank you once again for all you do for the people of Kentucky.



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